

immunization, house to house vaccination of missed children as also improvement in the standards and reach of routine immunization. Additional sub-national immunization days will be organized in the 4 States for controlling virus transmission. This strategy is expected to lead to the arresting of polio transmission in most parts of the country and a significant improvement even in the States of UP and Bihar by the end of the 2000-2001 winter season.

Installation of Incinerators in Delhi Hospitals

2233. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has served notices to Central Government and private hospitals in the capital for polluting the environment and posing a threat to the life of citizens;

(b) if so, whether hospitals have not installed incinerators, causing public health in danger;

(c) if so, the further steps Government propose to take to set up incinerators in Central Government hospitals in the capital; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against private hospitals which have not set up incinerators so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) It has been reported by the Central Government Hospitals, namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, LHMC & Associated Hospitals that they have not received notice from the High Court of Delhi in this regard. Information in respect of Private Hospitals in the capital is not available with this Ministry.

(b) and (c) The above mentioned Central Government Hospital are well equipped with incinerators which are functioning.

(d) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has asked State Pollution Control Boards to take action against defaulting Health Care facilities.